



Docket No.: 835.1026

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Shizuo Sumida, et al.

Serial No. 10/018,754

Group Art Unit: 2857

Confirmation No. 2810

Filed: December 21, 2001

Examiner: Tung S. Lau

For: CHARACTERISTIC VALUE IDENTIFICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on January 27, 2004. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee was submitted March 26, 2004, thereby extending the due date to March 27, 2004. This Amendment is being filed together with an RCE and Petition for a one-month (third-month) extension of time, thereby extending the due date to April 27, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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